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Subject: Opposition to Microsoft Settlement

I strongly oppose the Microsoft settlement because the parties harmed by the business practices are not compensated by the proposed settlement.

1) Low income school district are not the customers who purchased Microsoft products. The proposal to only provide relief to low-income schools, as opposed to all schools is a Robin Hood feel good approach to the problem. As a consumer who has been required to purchase Microsoft products, both stand alone and pre-loaded by the manufacturers of the PC's I have purchased, my children do not go to low income schools and therefore will derive no benefit from the settlement.

2) Competitors of Microsoft will be further harmed by being excluded from selling products to the schools which will be flooded with Microsoft products as a result of the settlement. The damage to these competitors will actually increase as a result of this settlement.

I would like to see this settlement be rejected for the reasons mentioned above.

sincerely,

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